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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ALSOP, JOSEPH)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH ALSOP VISIT

REF: VIENNA SECTO 01017; STATE 115134

1. JOE ALSOP IS LEAVING THIS EVENING FOR BANGKOK
AFTER SPENDING FIVE DAYS IN CAIRO, I MET WITH HIM
TWICE TO BRIEF HIM AND ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS AND ALSO
HAD HIM TO MY RECEPTION FOR GUAY. AS YOU REQUESTED,
EMBASSY PROVIDED ALL APPROPRIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE.

2. JOE MET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN ALEXANDRIA ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 10. ALTHOUGH EGYPTIANS HAD ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS
THROUGH TAHSIN BASHIR, I LENT A HELPING HAND
THROUGH THE PRESIDENCY. JOE DID NOT GIVE ME A FULL
DEBRIEFING OF THE MEETING, BUT MENTIONED THAT SADAT
SEEMED ESPECIALLY INCENSED ABOUT RECENT LIBYAN
DEVELOPMENTS AND DETERMINED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
QADHAAFI. THE PRESIDENT APPARENTLY ALSO SPOKE OF HIS
DESIRE FOR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH US AND OF HIS HOPE
THAT THE PEACE PROCESS MAY AGAIN GET UNDERWAY
FOLLOWING RABIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. I ASSUME JOE
WILL GIVE YOU A FULLER BRIEFING.

3. ALTHOUGH CAIRO LIVING CONDITIONS (INCLUDING THE
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NEW MERIDIEN HOTEL) WERE NOT EXACTLY JOE'S CUP OF

TEA, HE TOLD ME WHEN LEAVING HE THOUGHT HIS VISIT
HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT THE EGYPTIANS WILL BE PLEASED
ABOUT THE ARTICLES HE WRITES ON IT.
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